USER'S MANUAL

E-GRANTS CONSOLIDATED APPLICATION

TITLE V-A

INNOVATIVE PROGRAMS

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Critical Tip



Blue block arrows point to on-screen links.



Magenta block arrows point to program tabs (pages).



Green block arrows point to buttons or check boxes.



Red block arrows point to on-screen text..

GETTING STARTED



Note: Various training and instruction files are available at http://www.opi.mt.gov/ITProjects/e-grants.html

Especially helpful is a PDF file called Quick Tips for E-Grant Navigation.



Electronic

Grants Management System (E-Grants)

Help Line: In-State Toll-Free 1-888-231-9393, Local (406) 444-9444

Overview | Timeline | Project Updates | Training & Instructions | Documents | Contact Information

Training & Instruction

- E-Grants Training Slide Show
- E-Grants Security Coordinator Instructions
- E-Grants Page Lock Control Instructions
- Using ePass Montana with E-Grants
- Quick Tips for E-Grant Navigation

Forms to Return to OPI

- E-Grant Account Request Form
- 202 Security Coordinator Application

Forms For Your Records

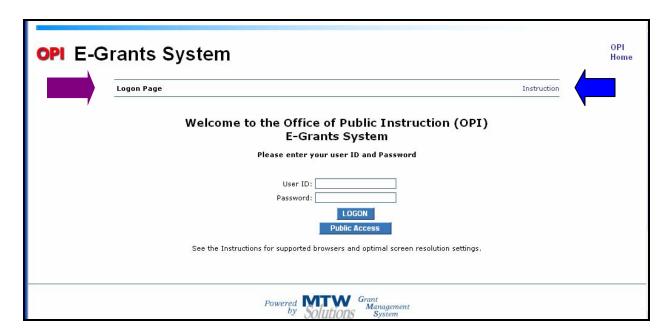
LEA E-Grant Security Form for Application Roles

NCLB Blank Application

- NCLB Consolidated
- NCLB Consolidated Title I A Basic
- NCLB Consolidated Title I A Schoolwide
- NCLB Consolidated Title II A Improving Teacher PDE 🌭 Quality
- NCLB Consolidated Title II D Ed Tech
- NCLB Consolidated Title III English Language Acquisition
- NCLB Consolidated Title IV A SDFSC
- NCLB Consolidated Title V A Innovative Programs
- NCLB Consolidated Title VI B Rural Low Income

BEFORE YOU CAN DO INDIVIDUAL PROGRAM PAGES

Go to the Logon Page of the OPI E-Grants System, and read the Instructions. Then logon to the system.

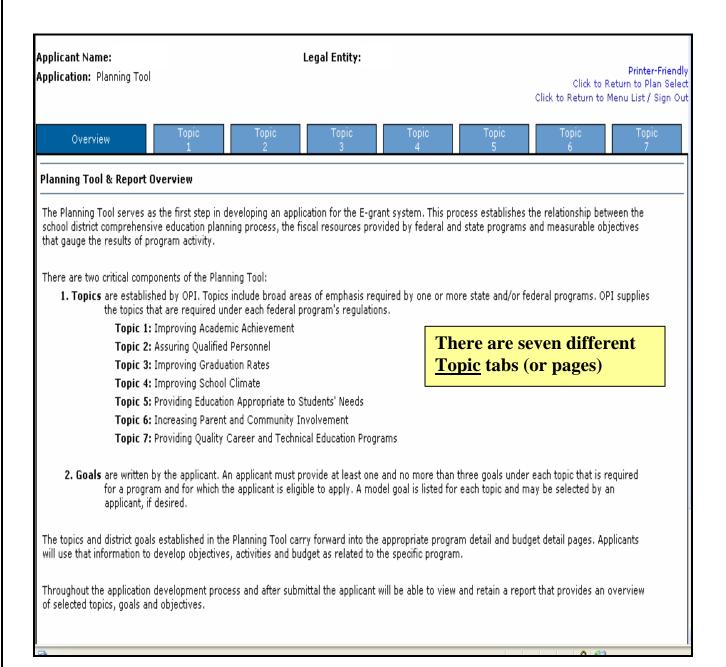


A successful logon to the E-Grants system will take you to the Menu List screen. Make sure you read the Instructions for this page. You will find many helpful hints concerning general operations and procedures in the E-Grants system.

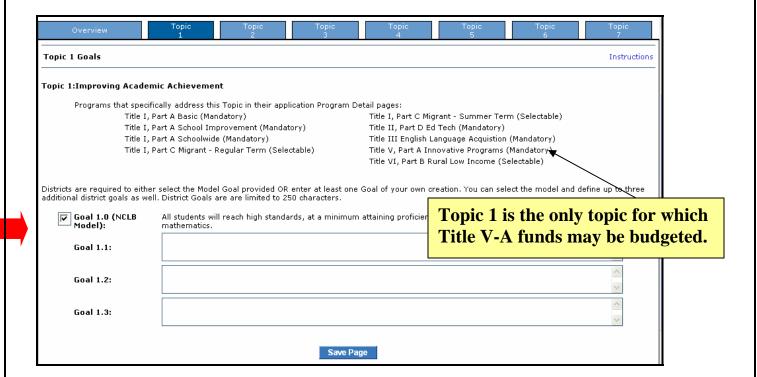


Before you do any work on the individual title pages, you must work through the Planning Tool pages.

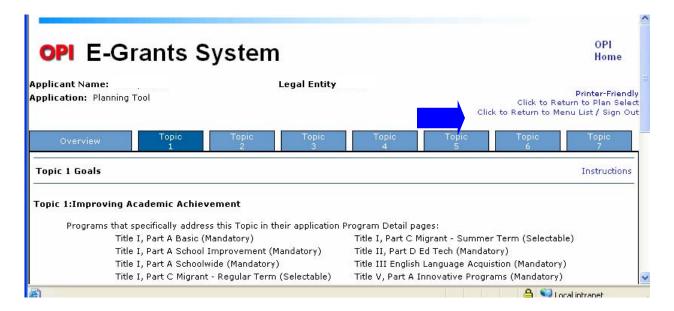
• In the Planning Tool, there are seven different Topic tabs (or pages).



- You must specify at least one <u>goal</u> for each <u>topic</u>. You may either check the <u>NCLB</u>
 Model Goal, or you may enter up to three <u>district-specific goals</u> in the text boxes
 provided.
- Make sure you SAVE every page before you leave it!
- Goals specified for the title programs will be brought into the individual title Budget Detail (page 9) and Activity (pages xx-xx).



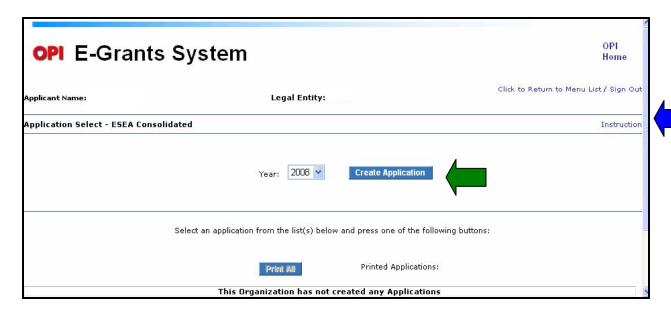
- Once the Planning Tool is completed:
 - Click on the Return to Menu List



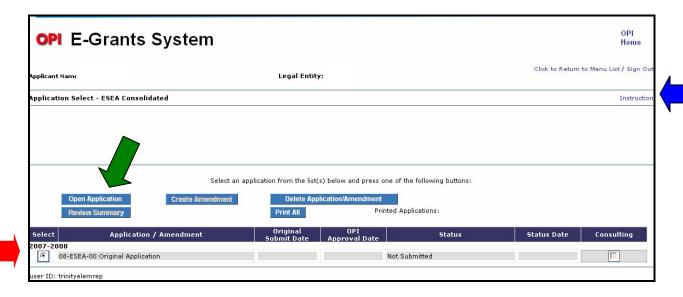
Click on the ESEA/NCLB Consolidated



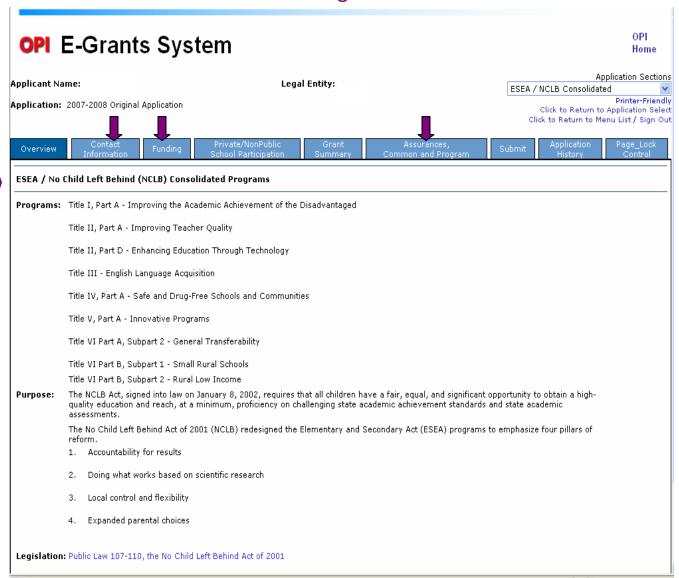
- This will take you to the Application Select screen:
 - If the district has not yet created an application, click on the Create Application button.
 - The Instructions link brings up a PDF file with helpful information and tips.



- At first, the buttons will all be grayed-out.
- Click in the radio button next to the application
- Then click on the Open Application button.



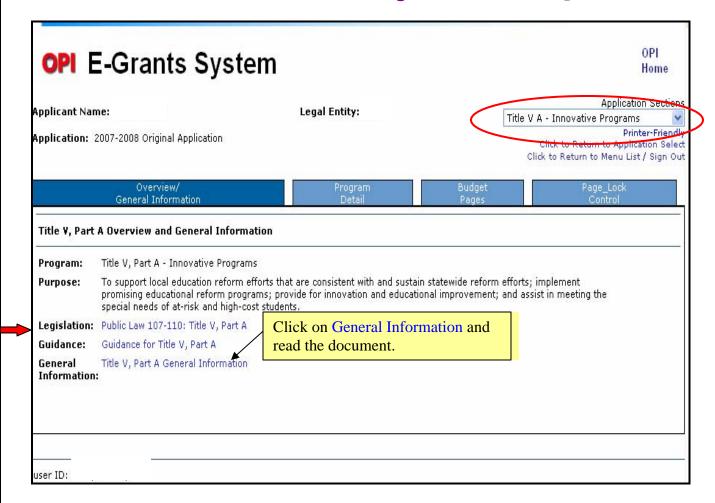
• Either of these actions will open the application to the ESEA/NCLB Consolidated Programs screen.



• On this page:

- Fill out the Contact Information tab. Make sure to include contacts for specific programs.
- Fill out the Funding/Allocations tabs, specifying any fund transfers or refusal of funds.
- If you are the Authorized Representative, fill out the Assurances tabs.
- (See the Instructions links on these pages! Make sure you SAVE often!)

Select Title V, Part A – Innovative Programs from the drop-down box.

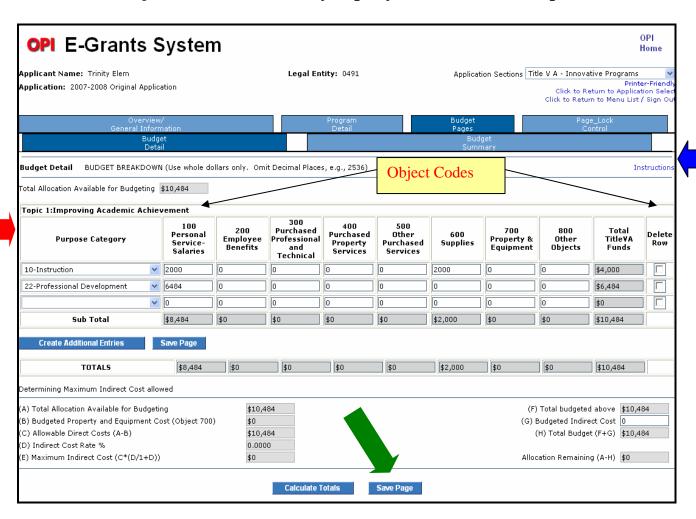


Notice that the <u>legislation</u> and <u>guidance</u> links will take you to the US Department of Education Web site.

Click on and read the **Title V, Part A General Information**

BUDGET DETAIL PAGE

- See the Instructions for descriptions of <u>Purpose Categories</u> and <u>Object Codes</u>
- For <u>Topic 1</u>, budget funds between the two <u>Purpose Categories</u>: Instruction and Professional Development.
- Within each Purpose Category, budget the funds in proper Object Codes.
 - Note: Object code 300 is where you put your curriculum cooperative costs.



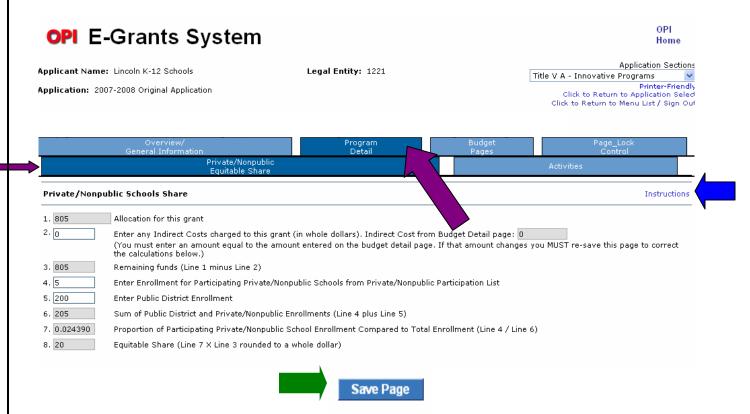


Note: The Calculate Totals button does not save the data.

Note: Indirect costs are deducted here.

The SAVE button calculates and saves. SAVE often!

- Click on the Program Detail Tab.
- This displays the Private/Nonpublic Equitable Share Tab.
- Note the Instructions file available for this page.



Note: You must complete this page even if you are refusing funds or transferring funds to another title program. Enter zero for enrollment of private/nonpublic students.

Line 2: In the first box, you must enter the amount of Indirect Costs that have been charged to the grant on the Budget Detail page. The amount you enter in the first box must match the amount in the second box that is automatically filled in by the program.

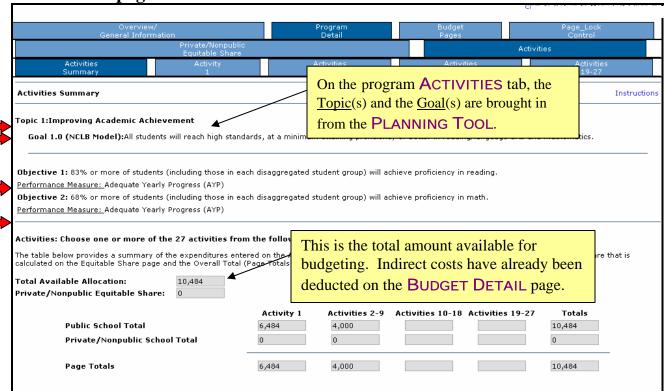
Lines 4 & 5: Enter enrollment numbers.

- Click the Save button.
- Note: If anything happens to change the Equitable Share in line 8 (if the Total Available Allocation changes, or if the enrollment numbers in lines 4 and 5 change), the page must be re-Saved.

Choosing Activities:

- Consult the Instructions on the page for a printable list of the 27 choices and for directions for filling out the pages.
- Choose any of the 27 activities that your needs assessment shows would improve student achievement.
- If this title program has funds available, at least one of the 27 Activities from the law must be chosen.

Note: The Activities (pages 12-14) implemented and the Detailed Budget (page 9) must align with the Topic, Goal(s), Objective, and Performance Indicator listed on this page.



Note: Only enter information on the tab or tabs that contain your desired choice(s). The most commonly chosen activities are found on the first two Activities tabs.

- Activity 1
 - Activity 1a --- reduction of class size
 - Activity 1b --- professional development for core content teachers
- Activity 2 --- technology activities
- Activity 3 --- library materials, computer hardware and software, and other educational materials

Activity 1a: Hiring highly qualified teachers to reduce class size

Local Uses of Funds - Activity 1 Instr						
Planned uses	Public Schools		Private/Nonpublic Schools			
Pidilieu uses	Amount (\$)	Students Served	Amount (\$)	Students Served		
1a. Programs to hire highly qualified teachers to reduce class size, especially in the early grades.	10000	100				
The entry of an amount in 1a requires the completion of class size reduction details that have appeared below. Please scroll down to complete these details.						

Number of teachers hired to Amount budgeted for hiring class size (populated from	g highly qualified teachers to reduce		
Grade to be reduced	Subject to be reduced (9-12 and Other required if student count entered)	Students / Teacher before reduction	Students / Teacho after reduction
κ		28	15
1		25	13
2			
3			
4			
5			
6			
7			
8			
9	mathematics	39	20
10			
11			
12			
Other (Identify in subject)			

- Fill in the number of highly qualified core content teachers to be hired to reduce class size.
- Fill in the number of students per teacher before and after reduction.
- If grades 9-12 or Other are selected, a subject or description is required. (For grades K-8 a subject *may* be entered.)
- Give a short description of Other, such as "grade 3-4 combo" if you are breaking a grade combination into two separate grades.

<u>Required fields</u>: The application cannot be saved or submitted if any of these are left blank:

- 1. Number of highly qualified teachers to be hired
- 2. Number of students before and after reduction
- 3. Subject for grades 9-12 and Other

SAVE WHEN DONE!

Activity 1b: <u>Professional Development in the core areas for teachers, principals, and paraprofessionals</u>

• Please click on the <u>Criteria for High Quality Professional Development</u> and study the criteria.

Overview/ General Information		Program Detail	Budget Pages		Page_Lock Control		
Private/Nonpublic Equitable Share			Activities				
Activities Activ Summary 1	ity	Activities 2-9		tivities 0-18		ivities 9-27	
cal Uses of Funds - Activity 1						Instru	
			Public Schools		Private/Nonpublic Schools		
anned uses			Amount	Students	Amount	Students	
Programs to hire highly qualified teachers to re-	duce class size, e	especially in the early grades.	(\$)	Served	(\$)	Served	
Professional development activities carried out teachers, principals, and administrators the kno opportunity to meet challenging State or local a achievement standards. (Please review: Criteria for High Quality Profess funds)	wledge and skills cademic content s	to provide students with the standards and student academic	6,484	100			
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fessional Development Details							
Professional development in the core area	s for teachers an	d paraprofessionals					
English, Reading, Literary Arts	□Mat	hematics	[Science			
Civics and Government	Hist	ory		Geography			
Foreign Languages	☐ Arts	;		Economics			
Types of professional development topics	funded with Title	V, A					
Improve Teaching Practices	□Alte	rnative learning styles		☑ Improving stude	ent behavior		
Early intervention strategies	Par	ent Involvement strategies	Ī	Use of data to d	rive instruction		
Technology integration	Tea	m-teaching strategies	į	Strategies to inc	rease student :	achievement	
Please briefly describe professional develo	pment activities.	(900 Character Maximum)					
Teachers will participate in the MSSA profi				collaborating and v	vorking with the	eir peers to	
/ *							

- 1. Check at least one core area in (a).
- 2. Check at least one type of professional development to be offered in (b).
- 3. Briefly describe your planned activities in the text box and include how the activities will meet the criteria for high quality professional development as shown in the screen shot above.

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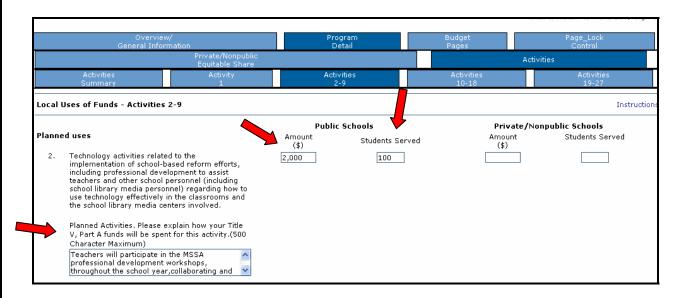


Activities 2-27:

Required fields: The application cannot be saved or submitted if any of these required fields are left blank.

- 1. Amount
- 2. Number of Students Served
- 3. Description of Activities for each activity chosen
 The description information must not exceed the maximum number of characters listed.

NOTE: The text boxes will accept a large amount of information, but will not save it. To be sure you do not exceed this limit, you may write your response to the text box in Word then use Word Count on the Tools menu to count the characters (including spaces).



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SUMMARY OF TIPS FOR COMPLETING E-GRANTS APPLICATIONS

Before starting an application:

- Go to the E-Grants web page at:opi.mt.gov/ITProjects/E-Grants.html
- Select
 - o Training and Instructions
 - o Quick Tips for E-Grant Navigation
- Follow the steps in Quick Tips meticulously

Complete these pages before completing program pages:

- Planning Tool This is a separate menu choice from ESEA/NCLB Consolidated
- ESEA/NCLB Consolidated
 - o Contacts tab enter contacts for each title program
 - o Funding Tab Allocations Page and Topic Funding Page

Tips for Completing E-Grants:

- Read the instructions on each page
- Be sure that all required fields are entered before saving or leaving a page
- Save often
- Watch the "thermometer" to make sure the page is saving
- When the Save is complete, check for any red error messages at the top of the page to make sure the data saved, and if not why not

Before Submission of Application:

- Assurances, Common and Program Authorized Representative must complete
- ESEA/NCLB Consolidated/Private/Nonpublic tab must be completed

If the available allocation amount changes after you have filled out activities pages, in order to successfully redo the Title V-A application pages:

- Delete the data from the Title V-A Activities and Budget Detail tabs (print if needed for reference).
- On the NCLB Consolidated/Funding/Allocations tab, reenter the Transfer of Funds amounts.
- Return to Title V-A and reenter information for the Budget Detail and Activities tabs.



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Sources of additional information

OPI E-Grants Web page: http://www.opi.mt.gov/ITProjects/E-Grants.html

OPI Title II, Part A Web page: http://www.opi.mt.gov/titleiiparta/

OPI Title V, Part A Web page: http://www.opi.mt.gov/titlevparta/

